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Sir:

In response to a Final Office Action mailed on October 17, 2007, please consider the following remarks:

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.

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